

SPECIAL MEETING – MANSFIELD TOWN COUNCIL  
April 19, 2011

Mayor Elizabeth Paterson called the special meeting of the Mansfield Town Council to order at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Media Center of Edwin O. Smith High School.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Keane, Kochenburger, Lindsey, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan, Schaefer  
Excused: Shapiro

II. ADOPTION OF BUDGET AND RECOMMENDED APPROPRIATIONS

Town Manager Matt Hart and Director of Finance Cherie Trahan presented additional potential adjustments to the Proposed FY 2011/12 Budget. Information regarding the proposed purchase of an additional ambulance was also provided.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Kochenburger seconded to approve the following resolutions which include the changes to the budget as presented by the Town Manager and Director of Finance. (List of adjustments attached)

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$34,420,920 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$2,178,000 is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2011/12 later years.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$1,030,000 be adopted.

Ms. Keane distributed a list of additional potential adjustments to the 2011/12 Proposed Budget. (List attached)

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to amend the motion to remove the South Eagleville Walkway from the budget. The motion failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to amend the motion to remove the additional pool car from the budget. The motion passed with all in favor except Ms. Paterson who voted no and Mr. Schaefer who abstained.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to amend the motion to reduce Communication Equipment from \$20,000 to \$18,000. The motion failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to amend the motion to reduce Community Center Improvements from \$30,000 to \$27,000. A friendly amendment made by Mr. Ryan reduced the budgeted amount to \$28,000. The motion as amended passed unanimously.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to amend the motion to reduce Park Improvement funding from \$15,000 to \$10,000. The motion failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to amend the motion to reduce the budget for Large Bridge projects from \$50,000 to \$35,000. The motion failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to amend the motion to reduce the budget for Transportation/Walkways from \$110,000 to \$60,000. The motion failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to amend the motion to eliminate additional lifeguard hours from the budget. Council members discussed the subject and the relevance of the subject to the budget deliberations. Mr. Schaefer called the question, seconded, the motion passed unanimously. The motion to amend failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to amend the motion to eliminate the additional hours for staff to address issues of Sustainability. The motion to amend failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to amend the motion to eliminate Housing Inspection overtime. The motion to amend failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to amend the motion to eliminate Legislative food supplies from the budget. The motion to amend failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to amend the motion to reduce library services by \$7,000 (\$2000 from equipment and \$5000 from other). The motion was withdrawn.

Ms. Lindsey moved and Ms. Keane seconded to amend the motion to reduce the Senior Center dishwasher from \$17,000 to \$15,000. The motion to amend failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Ms. Keane moved and Ms. Lindsey seconded to amend the motion to increase the McSweeney Center funding from \$1,500 to \$6,500 and to reduce the United Services funding from \$8,000 to \$3,000. Mr. Kochenburger requested the items be voted on individually. By consensus the Council agreed to divide the question. The motion to amend the motion to increase the McSweeney funding from \$1500 to \$6500 passed unanimously. The motion to amend the motion to reduce the United Services funding from \$8,000 to \$3,000 failed with Keane, Lindsey and Paulhus in favor and Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Ryan and Schaefer opposed.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Paulhus seconded to approve the motion as amended. The amended motion now reads:

RESOLVED: That the General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$34,401,920 is hereby adopted as the proposed operating budget for the Town of Mansfield for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012.

RESOLVED: That the Capital Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield, appended totaling \$2,154,000 is hereby adopted as the capital improvements to be undertaken during fiscal year 2011/12 later years.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$1,006,000 be adopted.

The motion to approve passed with Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Keane and Lindsey opposed.

Mr. Ryan moved and Mr. Schaefer seconded to approve the following resolutions:

It is further resolved, that the following Appropriations Act be recommended for adoption at the annual Town Meeting for budget consideration:

RESOLVED: That the proposed General Fund Budget for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$34,401,920 which proposed budget was adopted by the Council on April 19, 2011, be adopted and that the sums estimated and set forth in said budget be appropriated for the purpose indicated.

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51, the proportionate share for the Town of Mansfield of the annual budget for Regional School District No. 19 shall be added to the General Fund Budget appropriation for the Town of Mansfield for fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 and said sums shall be paid by the Town to the Regional School District as they become available.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital Projects Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 in the amount of \$2,154,000 be adopted provided that the portion proposed to be funded by bonds or notes shall, at the appropriate

times, be introduced for action by the Town Council subject to a vote by referendum as required by Section 407 of the Town Charter.

RESOLVED: That the proposed Capital and Non-Recurring Reserve Fund Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$1,006,000 be adopted.

The motion to approve passed with Kochenburger, Moran, Paterson, Paulhus, Ryan and Schaefer in favor and Keane and Lindsey opposed.

III. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Paulhus moved and Mr. Ryan seconded to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.  
Motion passed unanimously.

Elizabeth Paterson, Mayor

Mary Stanton, Town Clerk